

# NOTICE

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## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE TRIPLOID, CULTCHLESS OYSTER SEED THE 2009 REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to contract for up to five (5) million hatchery-produced, cultchless, triploid oyster seed. These seed will be produced and delivered to crab industry license holders that are in VMRC's Oyster Aquaculture Training Program around the Chesapeake Bay and the Seaside of Eastern Shore.

### **THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.**

#### **GENERAL:**

Oyster broodstock will be provided to the contracted hatcheries by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS).

Cultchless, triploid oyster seed will be produced and delivered between May 15 and August 15, 2009.

Cultchless, triploid oyster seed will be delivered in lots of 25,000 to 50,000. Contractor(s) may supply from one to 200 lots.

VMRC personnel will document the delivery of the cultchless, triploid oyster seed to the crab industry oyster aquaculture participants. Oyster stocks must be documented for each delivered lot.

The cultchless, triploid oyster seed will be 8 to 12 MM, and stay on a one quarter inch sieve.

The price per thousand for cultchless, triploid oyster seed will be \$22.00.

Cultchless, triploid oyster seed will be produced from genetically selected, oyster stock provided by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. This VMRC program will be seeking cultchless seed from both disease-tolerant and low salinity strains. The exact quantity of oyster seed of each strain will not be known until the entire list of participants is completed in April, 2009.

Payment to the contractor shall be made after the delivery of the oyster seed to the aquaculture participant. Upon receipt of proper documentation by the Conservation and Replenishment office, and verification of registration with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises, as a small, woman, or minority owned company, payment will be made to the contractor within 15 days. Before any payments can be made, a contract and current Tax form (W-9) will have to be completed and on file at the Marine Resources Commission main office. Checks will be forwarded to the

contractor by mail.

**RESPONSE DEADLINE:**

Persons interested in participating in supplying the cultchless, triploid oyster seed should submit their written response to the Conservation and Replenishment Department, including the number of lots of 25,000 to 50,000 oyster seed that they could provide.

To participate, the interested person or firm must:

Provide a documented history of commercial sales of cultchless, triploid oyster seed for the Chesapeake Bay.

Provide a description of their oyster broodstock, their facility, and their experience in the commercial production of cultchless triploid oyster seed.

These written responses must be submitted to the Conservation and Replenishment Department at the main office either by mail, fax, or e-mail, no later than 12 Noon, Friday, March 20, 2009.

**LOTTERY:**

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission intends to contract with person(s) or firm(s) interested in providing all or part of the cultchless, triploid oyster seed. If more than one (1) person or firm expresses a desire to participate and are qualified, the total quantity may be divided among those expressing written interest in the project in accordance with their capabilities. A lottery will be held in the event that the persons or firms express interest in producing more than five (5) million cultchless, triploid oyster seed

The lottery will be held on Friday, March 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the VMRC Conservation and Replenishment Department office, Suite 303 on the 3rd floor. The building address is: VMRC, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Newport News, Virginia. Individuals who wish to be present during the drawing may attend, but it is not required.

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